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In re Application of: BRADLEY M. ANDREAE
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: A METHOD OF ELECTROCOATING OF
SMALL PARTS WITH VARIOUS PAINTS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

More than one year prior to the filing date of the captioned application, certain employees of SST SYSTEMS, INC. ("SST") approached a potential customer with an idea for a method of curing parts in the same container in which they had been coated. At the time of approaching the customer, there had been no actual reduction to practice of the apparatus that could be used to achieve such a method. The customer agreed to purchase an apparatus that may have been used in performing this method, and agreed to make payments over time for the apparatus. It was made clear by SST, and clearly understood by the customer, that installation of the equipment was being done for experimental purposes. At the time the customer was approached, SST was unaware if the apparatus would perform the desired function. Thus, experimentation was needed to convince the inventors that the invention was capable of performing its intended purpose in its intended environment. The customer was aware that the equipment might not work in the manner intended, and was told that the machine would be removed and


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and their money refunded in the event that SST could not eventually produce a machine that performed its intended purpose. Following installation of the machine, SST personnel made numerous adjustments that included, for example, changes to the barrel container housing the parts being coated and cured, the barrel as initially installed did not work properly and thus the adjustments were necessary for the barrel to perform its intended purpose at the customer's facility. The machine was not completely installed until January 20, 2001 and was not operated for the first time for coating and curing parts until several days later. Final payment was not received on the equipment until after it was determined that the equipment was capable of carrying out a method for both coating and curing parts in the same container.

Respectfully submitted,

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